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## SAYS MAYOR LANE STOPS ROAD WORK AS WAY OF GETTING EVEN

George Chalmers Comes Out Victor in Contest Over Job of Luna at Waimanalo

From Waimanalo comes the echoes of a conflict—a dusty, scrappy contest between His Honor Mayor Lane and George Chalmers of Waimanalo. And Chalmers was the victor.

Not that the chief executive of the city and county of Honolulu descended to such a thing as a rough and tumble fight—it was a battle of words and wits—but the little Scotchman won, though he claims that the mayor is now using his official power to spite the victor, and thereby save his own injured feelings.

In short, the upshot of the matter was that Chalmers told Lane he was playing cheap peanut politics and the mayor, Chalmers avers, to get even, has absolutely ignored all communications from Chalmers on road matters in the Waimanalo district, and has been responsible for such neglect of the public highways there that the Waimanalo plantation, of which Chalmers is manager, has had to get out its own teams and drag the roadway to make it at all passable.

Chalmers, in addition to being a plantation manager, is road overseer of his district. Something more than a month ago the supervisors decided to spend some money on much needed repairs in Chalmers' district, and accordingly the word went forth, and Chalmers set about a score of men, mostly Hawaiians, to work on a stretch of highway about seven miles from Honolulu.

On the first day Chalmers went out to take a look at what progress was being made, and there, acting as luna, he found John Kalaukoa, who was some years ago a member of the city police force, and was fired—for cause, as the records show.

"Who sent you here," demanded Chalmers.

"Mayor Lane. I'm to be luna," responded Kalaukoa.

"Get out," retorted Chalmers, not tactfully, but forcibly. "I have two Hawaiians in my district who are better foremen than you. Go tell Lane I

don't need you, don't want you, and won't have you here."

The second day Chalmers again sauntered down the highway to see that his road gang was doing good work. A second time he found Kalaukoa bossing the job.

"Get out!" he said.

"Lane sent me back," declared Kalaukoa, holding his ground.

"You go tell Lane he may be mayor, but I'm road overseer, and I'll not have a man like you taking work away from able men."

In the afternoon, after Kalaukoa had trudged seven miles back to Honolulu, Chalmers' telephone bell rang. A voice demanded why Kalaukoa had been sent away, and who had dared override the orders of the city's chief executive.

Chalmers retorted in English, which may have been the king's English, if the king ever loses his temper, but which has never been the queen's English—at least not since Queen Mary ascended the throne—though as to Good Queen Bess—

"Do you know who you're talking to? I'm the mayor of Honolulu," came in outraged accents over the wire.

"I don't care if you are the mayor of Timbuctoo; I am not dependent on any picaresque political job, and I'll not help you build up your political machine by allowing you to send incompetent hangers-on out here to take work away from able and deserving men in my district. I'm overseer here. Get that?" And Chalmers clicked his receiver on to the hook.

Since that time, Chalmers declares, there has been no work done on the roads in his section of the island, which finally became so nearly impassable that he had to take Waimanalo plantation teams and men and fix them up so that they would be safe. Also, since that date his several communications to the board of supervisors have been ignored—absolutely ignored. Why, he does not say, but he reserves the privilege of making at least one guess.

"What's the use of digging up old bones," said Mayor Lane when asked concerning the Waimanalo situation, "I have nothing to say."

## NEW WATER RATES ALONE WILL SAVE BUDGET DEFICIT

City Coffers Will be Short More Than \$15,000 By End of Year, Murray Reports

The city coffers are due to be short more than \$15,000 at the end of the year unless the new water and sewer rates go into effect immediately, according to figures prepared by Superintendent Harry Murray of the water and sewer works. The total budget is \$99,328 and the revenue can not exceed \$84,000, according to Murray, for the period of June 30 to December 31. The chances are slim, Murray believes, for the city to make up this loss in the following semester as the municipality must make a bond payment of \$20,000 before July 1, 1915.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the supervisors hold a public hearing on the proposed postponement of the new water and sewer rates legalized by the official board a few weeks ago and which the Chamber of Commerce and others wish to have postponed until meters are installed.

The hearing will be on a resolution introduced by Supervisor Larsen. The ordinance enacted for the transferring of the water and sewer works to the city and county specifies that new rates must be established by the city before July 1, 1915, and to carry out the intention of this ordinance Superintendent Murray of the water works conducted a complete survey of the water works and then submitted the rates which he deems equitable to the supervisors and the latter officials legalized them.

It is a question, therefore, whether or not the city can postpone the going into effect of the new rates without repealing the ordinance. An opinion on this question may be asked of the city attorney this afternoon.

When the Manoa improvements commence the city water works department must expend about \$20,000 as required by law for new mains, and this item is not listed in the budget. Murray has prepared a statement of his 1915-last-semester budget and probable receipts under the present rates.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACTED FOR AND WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED FOR OUT OF THE RECEIPTS OF THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1915, TO DECEMBER 31, 1915:

Unexpended appropriation purchase of—

Risdon Iron Works, pump, Kaimuki.....\$14,550.00

Improvement pipe line, Gulick avenue.....250.00

Improvement pipe line, Morris lane.....275.00

Improvement pipe line, Fernandez street.....250.00 \$15,275.00

Budget for period July 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915—

Material, supplies and labor.....\$28,400.00

Salaries and payrolls.....27,345.00

Interest on bond issue.....22,840.42

Total.....\$83,861.42

Deducting the cash balance carried forward July 1, 1915.....4,633.00

The receipts of the department for the period July 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915, should be to pay expenses of the department.....\$89,228.42

No provision is made in the above budget for depreciation, break-downs or improvements. Improvements to the system can be any amount that the board wishes to appropriate for; from \$1 to \$10,000.

In carrying out of the improvements under Act 164 (frontage laws) it will be absolutely necessary for the department to expend in Manoa for crossings and the replacement of present mains.....\$ 6,200.00

Kalauna avenue.....1,000.00

Beretania avenue.....1,000.00

Lusitania street.....200.00—\$ 8,400.00

(To improve Manoa system properly will require now or later an additional expenditure of \$20,000.)

Improvement to the system along Lalani road requires an expenditure of.....300.00

The putting in of "liners" in the Kalibi pump.....1,400.00

Total.....\$10,100.00

Should the board of supervisors desire to make the improvements herein stated the revenue of the department, providing that the intention is to make the department self-sustaining, must be.....\$89,228.42

Necessary improvements.....\$10,100.00

The total budget is \$99,328.42, or \$15,240 more than the revenue of the period of January 1 to June 30, 1915. From July 1, 1915, \$20,362.41 will have to be set aside for sinking fund account on bond issue.

## PAYMASTER HALL DEAD.

Paymaster Eugene Freeman Hall, U. S. N., the pay officer of the dreadnought Florida of the second division of the Atlantic fleet, died on Saturday at his home, 830 Seventh avenue, in

this city. He had been ill for several days. Paymaster Hall was 43 years old and a native of Kentucky. He had been an officer of the pay corps since 1899, and was on the Florida during the fighting at Vera Cruz last year. The body will be taken to the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., for burial.

Paymaster Hall was well known in Honolulu, where he was formerly stationed.

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## ROBBED BUYERS OF DOPE HE HAD JUST SOLD THEM?

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ticularly in this: that the defendant and others have procured large quantities of smoking opium; conferred with Chinese and others who might be induced to purchase opium, making agreements to meet the prospective purchasers in secluded spots near the city of Honolulu at night and there delivering the smoking opium and receiving the money therefor.

"After the transaction was closed, defendant and his confederates have on many occasions waylaid and robbed the purchasers of their goods before they had returned to their places of business, thus winding up the transaction by procuring the Chinaman's cash and recovering the contraband smoking opium."

George A. ("Bert") Bower, an alleged confederate of Scully now serving a sentence of three and one-half years in Oahu prison for first degree robbery, says, in his affidavit:

"I have known John T. Scully personally for about eight or ten years; have been familiar with his business and business transactions in the city of Honolulu for several years and know of my own personal knowledge that he has been directly connected with illegal traffic in smoking opium for five or six years; in fact, practically ever since the law went into effect in 1909.

"Ever since I have known John T. Scully our relations have been friendly and I have been more or less familiar with his business and his manner of life ever since I have known him.

"Several years ago John T. Scully was connected with one of the largest opium transactions that has been pulled off in the territory. He has always been ready to handle the traffic at any time his services were required.

"I make this statement at the request of the district attorney and without volunteering any statement, but have answered such questions as have been put to me without any desire or intent to either help or hurt anyone."

E. C. Reilly, found guilty in federal court of an opium charge and now serving a sentence in Oahu prison, says:

"I have known John T. Scully personally for four or five years. Ever since I have known him he has been known and recognized as a man who was dealing in opium, and I have known for that length of time that he has been going on, different steamers and having transactions in opium and taking opium ashore from time to time.

"I have known him to be connected with large and small transactions. Ten Thousand Involved.

"The largest transaction I have ever known Scully to be connected with in any way was one occurring two or three years ago in which there was in the neighborhood of \$10,000 worth of opium involved. He has always been ready and willing to handle opium when an opportunity presented itself."

Paul H. Boggs, convicted in the territorial court of first degree robbery and now serving a sentence in Oahu prison, says, in part:

"I have known John T. Scully for about eight years, but was not intimately acquainted with him until within the last six or eight months. I know personally that the said Scully has been involved in several illegal opium transactions within the last few months and have known of him for several years as a man who was connected with opium deals. I had no personal knowledge, however, of his record up to within the last few months."

The affidavit of Mrs. Victoria Hyland is, in part, as follows:

"I have known John T. Scully by sight since September, 1913, and have had some personal acquaintance with him. I have had personal knowledge of Mr. Scully's connection with illegal traffic in opium since September, 1912. My knowledge is based upon reliable information that I have received from persons closely associated with Mr. Scully, and I have had personal knowledge of Mr. Scully's connection with opium deals, having received my information directly from Mr. Scully himself.

"I know that he has been associated with others in this city, men whom he has recently furnished evidence to convict of crime."

## PERSONALITIES

MISS CAREY THOMAS, president of Bryn Mawr college, accompanied by her nephew Harold Worthington, are through passengers in the steamer Shinyo Maru from the Coast to the Orient. They will visit Japan and China, returning to the mainland before fall.

The French government ordered the seizure of the newspaper "La Guerre Sociale," edited by Gustav Herve, because of an article attacking the conduct of the war.

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## SCULLY'S AIDES BROUGHT BACK FROM MOLOKAI

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Kaunakakai in a chartered sampan, they could find no trace of either Ratta or McCutcheon.

They wondered. Then they looked around some more and found that the men had been arrested and that the Hawaiian policeman had gone to Lahaina, Maui, with his prisoners.

There was no time to be lost. Hastily obtaining a supply of gasoline, they put to sea and after a rough run arrived at Lahaina.

At Lahaina he found the Hawaiian policeman, who was about to start to Walluku with his prisoners. Heine took the men into custody, boarded the sampan and started for Honolulu, arriving here shortly after 12 o'clock.

The power sampan Missourian, in which John T. Scully, convicted of opium smuggling, attempted to escape, which has been held by order of Collector of Customs M. A. Franklin pending an examination of its papers, may be released today.

The vessel has been moored at Pier 7 while federal officials have been making diligent inquiry into the status of the sampan and its mission to outside island ports.

It is said the Missourian had been enrolled to carry a limited number of passengers. John Sprout, who professes to have purchased the sampan, is reported to have produced a document which purported to give him the right to carry a few travelers or excursionists.

The report that the sampan was the property of P. H. Boggs, now serving sentence at the city and county prison on a charge of being implicated in a series of badger games, will receive careful investigation before the vessel is released and permitted to do business between Honolulu and the islands. The vessel will be inspected to note if it complies with the federal laws as to protection and equipment.

## BONDSMEN FOR SCULLY GIVEN RELEASE TODAY

Following a brief hearing in federal court this afternoon, Judge Charles F. Clemens ordered that the bond of \$1500 furnished by the National Surety Company for John T. Scully's release, and another bond of \$400, furnished by two Chinese, be cancelled.

"While I was of the opinion yesterday that there might be grounds for the court to rightly declare the bonds forfeited, after an investigation I find that the government has no interest in the bonds," said J. Wesley Thompson, assistant district attorney.

Scully was sent to Oahu prison yesterday afternoon to begin a term of a year and a half for transporting and dealing in opium. He is under indictment on two other opium charges. These have been temporarily set aside until called up.

Thus far the marshal has issued no passes to persons wishing to visit Scully at the jail. It was reported in federal court circles today that Scully may be interviewed by the assistant district attorney as to just how far he will make a "clean breast of everything," as he told Marshal Smiddy he would yesterday morning.

## PROHIBITION DULLS PAWNSHOP BUSINESS

MOSCOW, Russia.—Prohibition of the sale of vodka and other intoxicating drinks has effected a striking reduction of the business of the municipal pawnshops. Notwithstanding the high prices of foodstuffs and clothing entailed by the war, the population is steadily losing its dependence upon these institutions.

## RUSSIA CONSIDERING STATE FIRE INSURANCE

PETROGRAD, Russia.—A project to institute compulsory state fire insurance is now under consideration by the minister of the interior, and will be soon presented to the council of ministers for approval. The proposal was made by the budget committee of the duma, which pointed out the desirability of such a measure as a source of income to the government.

## CAPITALIST IS EVEN IN AUTO DAMAGE SUITS

H. F. Lewis, a Honolulu capitalist, now living in Oakland, is about even on the score of automobile damages. Receiving \$3500 from the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway Company last year as damages for injuries sustained when one of the corporation's cars struck his automobile, Lewis was assessed \$2640 by a jury in Judge Harris' court in Oakland yesterday for injuries suffered by William A. Logan, a young butcher's boy, who was struck by Lewis' automobile. —San Francisco Examiner.

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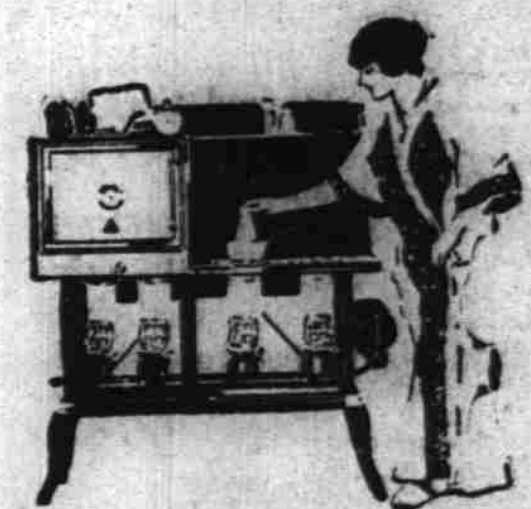
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